

Nursing update



Thank you, thank you, thank you!

This past week has been one of extraordinarily high patient occupancy levels at all our acute-care hospitals—and one of phenomenal examples of nurses joining their physician and clinical and support staff teammates in stepping up to care for those who came to us in need.

One great example was shared in last week's daily safety huddle and then passed along to the Professional Development Council for recognition.

The pediatric team on 5N at St. Francis—Amber Stevens, Kasey Gerber, Lisa Goering, Christine Robinson—immediately initiated a rapid response when they recognized a pediatric patient was not breathing well. The team that responded, which included Amanda Banda and Cody Forsberg from PICU, was faced with a problem: The patient needed a bed in the PICU, but they were all full.

An adult occupying a PICU bed was quickly transferred to CICU, which had agreed to take the patient, freeing up the bed that PICU staff cleaned and readied so the child could be transferred without delay. Working together for a solution, a child's life was saved—one of many shining examples of the teamwork and going the extra mile during this time of extremely high demand.

Thank you to each of them—and each of you—for all that you're doing to help us care for patients during this period of critical need. Please know that your efforts are appreciated and that we're continuing to successfully recruit and add great new nurses to our team going forward.

'...exceptional care'

From a patient with COPD hospitalized with pneumonia on 5W and 6E at Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph: "I received exceptional care. My nurses were just exceptional, even though I was so sick and wasn't as appreciative or cooperative as I should have been." She noted that Sandy Craft, RN on 5W, "was absolutely extraordinary." The purpose of the patient's call was to make sure the nurses who provided her care knew how much she appreciated them—even if it didn't seem like it at the time!

Award-winning nurses

Congratulations to Maggie Ward, MSN, APRN, who leads the Via Christi Cancer Outreach and Risk Assessment Program, for receiving the 2017 High Impact Award from the Wichita Oncology Nursing Society. Kudos also go to Nicol Ingram, RN, who was presented a Star Award from Sound Physicians.

Two shining examples of how your efforts to go the extra mile are not unnoticed by those we serve and by those with whom we serve!